Plan" for the period 2003 to 2013, which has been presented to the Parliament in August 2003. This document states the objectives, targets and strategies for which Indian Railways would be striving in this period. The measures being taken by Indian Railways to improve safety include adoption of modern technology for interlocking and signalling system, upgradation of standards of track and rolling stock, modernization of maintenance practices, replacement of overaged assets, upgradation of training aids like simulators, checks on observance of safety precautions and provisions of Train Protection and Warning System (TPWS), Anti Collision Device (ACD) etc.

(c) and (d) The Corporate Safety Plan also envisages a safety action plan, including broad time frames, involving total investment of Rs. 31,835 Crores for safety related works in the ten year period, which covers continuous rehabilitation and modernization of assets, qualitative changes in men and machines, induction of appropriate technologies in support of human efforts etc.

Mumbai Urban Transport Project

2709. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)whether it is a fact that 50 per cent of the cost of the Mumbai Urban Transport Project is to be borne by the Central Government;

(b)the details of the Central components and the amount that has already been paid;

(c)the progress made therein and by when the balance amount would be paid;

(d)the entitlement of the State for Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project, a supplement to Mumbai Urban Transport Project, under National Urban Renewal Mission from the Centre;

(e)whether the same has been approved;

(f) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(g)how much has already been paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 50% cost of only Rail Component of Mumbai Urban Transport

Project (MUTP) is to be borne by the Central Government (Ministry of Railways).

(b) The cost of MUTP Phase I is Rs. 3125.20 crore. It included Resettlement and Rehabilitation of 15857 Project Affected Households (PAHs) at a cost of Rs. 290 Crores, infrastructure works costing Rs. 1476.20 crore and procurement of rolling stock at a cost of 1359 crore. 50% of this cost is to be borne by Central Government (Ministry of Railways).

The expenditure on MUTP Phase I till November 2005 (provisional) is Rs. 1240 crore. 50% of this is the contribution of Central Government (Ministry of Railways).

(c) The physical progress of MUTP Phase I upto November 2005 is 28.5%. The project is scheduled for completion by June 2008.

(d) to (g) Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) has been launched on 03.12.2005. Entitlement of the State for Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Project would be considered when Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) is received from the State Government as per the JNNURM guidelines.

New railway lines in NER

2710. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for the new railway lines which have been included for survey work in the current Railways Budget for 2005-06 in NER; and

(b) the details of time-frame fixed to complete survey work of the said new railway lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) In North East Region (NE Region), a survey for new line between Naginamora-Amguri (35 Kilometers) has been included in the Budget 2005-06 and is likely to be completed by December, 2006.